

PATENT
450100-03012**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present After-Final Amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application and does not require further search.

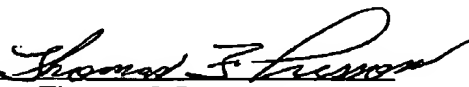
Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 11, and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Indeed, Applicant hereby reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications presenting these claims. Claims 3, 8, and 12, which were indicated as allowed, are pending in this application and have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and are patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this After-Final Amendment does not require further search and that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this After-Final Amendment and early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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